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SUBJECT: CFE/JCG: NOVEMBER 11 PLENARY; RUSSIA MAY TRY TO  
CALL A JCG AT HELSINKI

Classified By: Chief Arms Control Delegate Hugh Neighbour,  
for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

1. (SBU) The November 11 JCG, chaired by Romania, was brief. The only intervention was by Belarus First Secretary Vasily Pavlov, who announced his departure from Vienna on November 13 and introduced his replacement, First Secretary Dmitry Krayushkin.

2. (C) During the JCG-T plus 4 held on November 10 and chaired by Luxembourg, the Netherlands (Kleinjan) provided a summary of last week's HLTF retreat in Romania. There was some discussion by Allies that it would be wise to include language from the NATO Communique in statements made at the JCG meeting on December 16, i.e., after the data exchange or for the one-year anniversary of Russia's suspension of CFE implementation.

3. (C) Head of Russian arms control delegation Mikhail Ulyanov informally asked German and U.S. representatives if they were ready to attend a JCG/CFE meeting at the OSCE Ministerial Council in Helsinki the first week of December. Ulyanov asserted that the rules of procedure allow any CFE State Party to request a JCG at any time. When the German representative asked if Ulyanov was going to announce Russia's return to CFE implementation at such a meeting, he replied that nothing had occurred since December 2007 to cause Russia to reconsider its decision to suspend implementation. The U.S. was non-committal.

4. (U) The next JCG meeting, also to be chaired by Romania, will be held on November 18. The next JCG-T will be held on November 17 and will be chaired by Canada.  
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